Utilization of amount granted for Power Projects

†883. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry have failed to utilize the amount in full granted for power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for speedy execution of power projects in current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The utilization of budgetary allocation of Ministry of Power is expected to be Rs. 14,681 crores out of Rs. 15,630 crores which comprises of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) as well as and Internal & Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR). This is nearly 94% of the budgeted allocation for the Ministry of Power. The reason for reduced utilization is non-approval of projects/schemes of Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL), National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC), North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) and Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

(d) Ministry of Power has taken suitable measures to ensure the speedy execution of the Power Projects during current financial year i.e. 2004-05. This includes intensive monitoring of all projects, inter-ministerial coordination, periodic visits to projects sites etc.

Rural Electricity infrastructure and household electrification scheme

884. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to replace the existing "Accelerated Electrification of One Lakh Villages and one crore Households" scheme with the new "Rural Electricity Infrastructure and Household Electrification" Scheme;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the 'Accelerated Electrification of One Lakh Villages and one crore Households' scheme has failed to achieve its objective;

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